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1. MAJOR FETURE OF SPRING SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MARCH 27-29 WAS PREMIER TODOROV' S REPORT ON
GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN PRECEDING YEAR (REFTELS).
SUCH REPORTS SEEM NOW TO BE REGULAR PRACTICE UNDER
1971 CONSTITUTION AND TODOROV' S PREMIERSHIP.

2. GENERAL THRUST OF TODOROV REPORT WAS
POSITIVE BUT HE ADMITTED 1972 PERFORMANCE LAGGED IN
FOLLOWING AREAS: MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING PLANTS,
COMPLETION OF FERTILIZER AND PAPER FACTORIES,
SATISFACTION OF DEMANDS FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY, QUALITY
CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PRODUCTION CERTAIN
FOOD AND FIBER CROPS, PRODUCTION OF FODDER AND ANIMAL
PRODUCTS, PLANTINGS OF ORCHARDS AND VINEYARDS, AND
SAFETY OF RAIL AND AIR TRANSPORT.

3. MAJOR LAW ADOPTED WAS ONE INTRODUCED BY TODOR
ZHIVKOV FROM HIS SICK BED CRACKING DOWN ON PRIVATE
ENTERPRISE AND EXCESSIVE PROPERTY HOLDINGS.

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COMMISSIONS WILL BE SET UP THROUGHOUT COUNTRY BY ZHIVKOV- DOMINATED STATE CONTROL COMMITTEE TO SCRUTINIZE PROPERTY HOLDINGS AND INSTITUTE COURT SUITS FOR CONFISCATION. (COMMENT: EMB HAS BEEN TOLD BALKANTOURIST EXPECTS HAVE MANY NEWLY CONFISCATED VILLAS ON BLACK SEA TO RENT TO FOREIGNERS THIS SUMMER).

4. MINOR SURPRISE OF SESSION WAS ELECTION OF BORIS VELCHEV AS NEW HEAD BCP FRACTION IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. PREVIOUS POLITBURO ENCUMBENTS (BOYAN BULGARANOV, ENCHO STAYKOV) GOT THIS POST ONLY AS SOP WHEN THEY PASSED THEIR PRIME.
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